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GIVEN SHORT NOTICE ONLY TWO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION WERE REACHABLE BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON PHONE. THEIR REACTION CONCURS WITH FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S CONCERN; NAMELY, THEY VIEW SUCH A SHIFT WITH GREAT APPREHENSION BECAUSE, AS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STATES IN MEMO TO PAO, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, BEGIN QUOTE EVEN IF IT DOES NOT, IN PRACTICE, AFFECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND ACADEMIC HONORABILITY OF THE PROGRAM (AND BOTH RESPECT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL BE SO), THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE PROGRAM IN PORTUGAL MAY VERY WELL SUFFER FROM ITS ASSOCIATION WITH AN AGENCY WHICH IS NORMALLY PERCEIVED AS BEING MORE CONCERNED WITH INFORMATION AND PROPAGANDA.

"THE PRESTIGE OF THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUCH IN PORTUGAL THAT EVEN DURING THE MOST DIFFICULT PERIOD OF THE RECENT PAST, IT WAS NEVER QUESTIONED AND CONTINUED TO BE RESPECTED, WHILE ALL OTHER AMERICAN INITIATIVES WERE ASSIGNED SOME COVERT MANIPULATION PURPOSES. BOTH PROF CRESPO AND DR MARQUES HAVE STRONG DOUBTS THAT
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THE SAME WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF THE PROGRAM HAD THEN BEEN RUN BY THE PROPOSED NEW AGENCY.

"DR MERCIER MARQUES ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION APPEARS AS A UNILATERAL CHANGE TO THE TERMS OF THE FULBRIGHT AGREEMENT, WHERE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS EXPLICITLY QUOTED AS BEING REPRE-

SENTED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THAT THE PROGRAM'S
ASSOCIATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS UNDOUBTEDLY
BEEN ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT'S
INTEREST IN SUPPORTING ITS ACTIVITIES" END QUOTE.
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